

## **CAPSULE SUMMARY**

**BA-1936**

**J.C. Pearce House**

**11535 W. Glen Arm Road**

**Glen Arm, Baltimore County**

**1890 ca.**

**Private**

Based on exterior architectural evidence, the J.C. Pearce House appears to have been constructed circa 1890 in the area west of Glen Arm. The 1850 county atlas indicates that Glen Arm, which formed at the intersection of Old Harford Road (now known as Glen Arm Road) and the northern branch of the Harford Turnpike (now Long Green Pike), was nonexistent as late as the mid-19th century. In the 1870s, the village of Glen Arm, although unnamed, was beginning to take shape. A pre-1850 tavern that had existed along the northern branch of the Harford Turnpike remained in use as a public house, and additional dwellings and a general store had been constructed along the road. Through the late 19th and early 20th centuries, the J.C. Pearce House was constructed between the two Maryland Central Railway stations of Glen Arm and Summerfield. After the establishment of the railroad through this area, Glen Arm grew at an unprecedented rate, with a number of buildings being erected in the triangle of land bordered by old Harford Road, the northern branch of the Harford Turnpike, and the railroad line. Summerfield Station experienced only modest growth. In 1915, as the surrounding community was developing, J.C. Pearce occupied the house at 11535 West Glen Arm Road. Although the village of Glen Arm developed through the early 1900s, the land to the west of the community remained rural, and has retained that character.

This Queen Anne style dwelling fronts north at the end of long gravel driveway that encircles the house. It stands two-and-a-half stories tall and five bays wide. The random rubble stone foundation supports a wood frame structure with wood, German siding. Projecting from the side gable roof with asphalt shingles is a center gable with fishscale wood shingles. It contains a round-arched 2/2 window with square-edged wood surrounds. Flanking the center gable are two, central-interior brick chimneys with corbeled caps. Piercing the façade's second story are five 1/1 windows with square edged wood sills and surrounds. Four, full-story 1/2 windows pierce the first story symmetrically with square-edged wood surrounds. The central entry features a single-leaf door that is paneled with lights and is surrounded by paneled, three-light sides and a three-light transom. Protecting the first story is a half-hipped, five-bay-wide porch with chamfered posts and scroll-sawn brackets. A two-and-a-half-story ell projects to the south with an interior-end corbel capped chimney and a three-bay-wide porch with a shed roof. In the crook of the L-shaped dwelling is a one-story shed roof addition with a poured concrete foundation. Also added to the rear is a new wood deck connecting the ell with the addition. A circa 1960 concrete block garage, circa 1990 dog house, and a circa 1990 shed are also located on the property.

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## Maryland Inventory of Historic Properties Form

Inventory No. BA-1936

### 1. Name of Property (indicate preferred name)

historic J.C. Pearce House

other

### 2. Location

street and number 11535 W. Glen Arm Road not for publication

city, town Glen Arm vicinity

county Baltimore County

### 3. Owner of Property (give names and mailing addresses of all owners)

name James E. McDonnell, III, and Claudia Ann McDonnell

street and number 11535 W. Glen Arm Road telephone Not Available

city, town Glen Arm state MD zip code 21057-9438

### 4. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Baltimore County Courthouse liber 8706 folio 379

city, town Towson tax map 62 tax parcel 167 tax ID number 2100008361

### 5. Primary Location of Additional Data

- ☐ Contributing Resource in National Register District  
☐ Contributing Resource in Local Historic District  
☐ Determined Eligible for the National Register/Maryland Register  
☐ Determined Ineligible for the National Register/Maryland Register  
☐ Recorded by HABS/HAER  
☐ Historic Structure Report or Research Report at MHT  
☐ Other: \_\_\_\_\_

### 6. Classification

Category	Ownership	Current Function	Resource Count
<input type="checkbox"/> district	<input type="checkbox"/> public	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	Contributing Noncontributing
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce/trade	<input type="checkbox"/> landscape
<input type="checkbox"/> structure	<input type="checkbox"/> both	<input type="checkbox"/> defense	<input type="checkbox"/> recreation/culture
<input type="checkbox"/> site		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> domestic	<input type="checkbox"/> religion
<input type="checkbox"/> object		<input type="checkbox"/> education	<input type="checkbox"/> social
		<input type="checkbox"/> funerary	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
		<input type="checkbox"/> government	<input type="checkbox"/> work in progress
		<input type="checkbox"/> health care	<input type="checkbox"/> unknown
		<input type="checkbox"/> industry	<input type="checkbox"/> vacant/not in use
			<input type="checkbox"/> other:
			Number of Contributing Resources previously listed in the Inventory
			1

## 7. Description

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### Condition

<input type="checkbox"/> excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> deteriorated
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> good	<input type="checkbox"/> ruins
<input type="checkbox"/> fair	<input type="checkbox"/> altered

Prepare both a one paragraph summary and a comprehensive description of the resource and its various elements as it exists today.

Constructed circa 1890, this Queen Anne style dwelling fronts north at the end of long gravel driveway that encircles the house. It stands two-and-a-half stories tall and five bays wide. The random rubble stone foundation supports a wood frame structure with wood, German siding. Projecting from the side gable roof with asphalt shingles is a center gable with fishscale wood shingles. It contains a round-arched 2/2 window with square-edged wood surrounds. Flanking the center gable are two, central-interior brick chimneys with corbeled caps. Piercing the façade's second story are five 1/1 windows with square edged wood sills and surrounds. Four, full-story 1/2 windows pierce the first story symmetrically with square-edged wood surrounds. The central entry features a single-leaf door that is paneled with lights and is surrounded by paneled, three-light sides and a three-light transom. Protecting the first story is a half-hipped, five-bay-wide porch with chamfered posts and scroll-sawn brackets. A two-and-a-half-story ell projects to the south with an interior-end corbel capped chimney and a three-bay-wide porch with a shed roof. In the crook of the L-shaped dwelling is a one-story shed roof addition with a poured concrete foundation. Also added to the rear is a new wood deck connecting the ell with the addition.

Located to the south of the house is a circa 1960 concrete block garage. The asphalt shingle front gable roof features a square, vented cupola and asbestos shingles in the gable ends. Two roll-up wood doors that are paneled with lights mark the entry.

Located east of the house is a circa 1990 dog house. The wood frame structure has pressed vertical board siding, a front gable asphalt shingle roof, and a single-leaf opening.

Next to the doghouse is a circa 1990 shed that is one story tall and one bay square. It features a gambrel asphalt shingle roof, pressed vertical board siding, a poured concrete foundation, and a cross-braced single-leaf door.

## 8. Significance

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Period	Areas of Significance	Check and justify below			
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> economics	<input type="checkbox"/> health/medicine	<input type="checkbox"/> performing arts	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology	<input type="checkbox"/> education	<input type="checkbox"/> industry	<input type="checkbox"/> philosophy	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> invention	<input type="checkbox"/> politics/government	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1900-1999	<input type="checkbox"/> art	<input type="checkbox"/> entertainment/ recreation	<input type="checkbox"/> landscape architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> religion	
<input type="checkbox"/> 2000-	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce	<input type="checkbox"/> ethnic heritage	<input type="checkbox"/> law	<input type="checkbox"/> science	
	<input type="checkbox"/> communications	<input type="checkbox"/> exploration/ settlement	<input type="checkbox"/> literature	<input type="checkbox"/> social history	
	<input type="checkbox"/> community planning		<input type="checkbox"/> maritime history	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation	
	<input type="checkbox"/> conservation		<input type="checkbox"/> military	<input type="checkbox"/> other:	

<b>Specific dates</b>	1890 ca.-present	<b>Architect/Builder</b>	Unknown
<b>Construction dates</b>	1890 ca.		

Evaluation for:

☐ National Register

☐ Maryland Register

☒ not evaluated

Prepare a one-paragraph summary statement of significance addressing applicable criteria, followed by a narrative discussion of the history of the resource and its context. (For compliance projects, complete evaluation on a DOE Form – see manual.)

Based on exterior architectural evidence, the J.C. Pearce House appears to have been constructed circa 1890 in the area west of Glen Arm. The house exhibits modest ties to the Queen Anne architectural style. The 1850 county atlas indicates that Glen Arm, which formed at the intersection of Old Harford Road (now known as Glen Arm Road) and the northern branch of the Harford Turnpike (now Long Green Pike), was nonexistent as late as the mid-19<sup>th</sup> century. At that time, only a few expansive farms, primarily occupied by the Gittings, Green, Billingsley, Haile, and Leach families, comprised the community. In the 1870s, the village of Glen Arm, although unnamed, was beginning to take shape. A pre-1850 tavern that had existed along the northern branch of the Harford Turnpike remained in use as a public house, and additional dwellings and a general store had been constructed along the road.<sup>1</sup> The 1877 county atlas indicates that the J.C. Pearce House had not yet been constructed. Through the late 19<sup>th</sup> and early 20<sup>th</sup> centuries, the J.C. Pearce House was constructed between the two Maryland Central Railway stations of Glen Arm and Summerfield. After the establishment of the railroad through this area, Glen Arm grew at an unprecedented rate, with a number of buildings being erected in the triangle of land bordered by old Harford Road, the northern branch of the Harford Turnpike, and the railroad line. Summerfield Station, which took its name from the nearby estate of Maryland Central Railway Company President William Gilmor, experienced only modest growth by the construction of a few dwellings and the Summerfield Stone Company near the railroad station. In 1915, as the surrounding community was developing, J.C. Pearce occupied the house at 11535 West Glen Arm Road.<sup>2</sup> Although the village of Glen Arm developed through the early 1900s, the land to the west of the community remained rural, and has retained that character through the late 20<sup>th</sup> century.

The J.C. Pearce House displays elements of the Queen Anne style of architecture, which was a popular style for the design of domestic buildings in the late 19<sup>th</sup> century. The eclectic Queen Anne style focused on the free form, melding elements of the Classical, Tudor, and Flemish styles of architecture.<sup>3</sup> High style buildings featured a variety of roof forms, projecting oriel bays, colored glass windows and turrets. The style also

<sup>1</sup> *Atlas of Baltimore County, Maryland* (Philadelphia, PA: G.M. Hopkins, 1877).

<sup>2</sup> *Map of Baltimore County* (Philadelphia, PA: G. W. Bromley, 1915).

<sup>3</sup> Carley, Rachel. *The Visual Dictionary of American Domestic Architecture*. (New York, NY: Holt and Co., Inc, 1994). pp. 154-155.

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featured detailed porches, cut-out brackets designs, patterned shingles and spindles<sup>4</sup>. Craftsmen expressed a wide range of creativity through decorative woodworking exploration. The J.C. Pearce House is a more modest interpretation of Queen Anne style architecture, which is represented through the building's fishscale shingles that ornament the front gable peak and chamfered porch posts with scroll sawn corner brackets.

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<sup>4</sup> McAlester, Virginia and Lee. *A Field Guide to American Architecture*. (New York, NY: Alfred A. Knopf, 1988), pp. 263-214.

## 9. Major Bibliographical References

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## 10. Geographical Data

Acreage of surveyed property 11.03 Acre  
Acreage of historical setting Unknown  
Quadrangle name Towson

Quadrangle scale: 1:24,000

### Verbal boundary description and justification

Since its construction circa 1890, the J.C. Pearce House has been associated with the 11.03 acres of land known as tax parcel 167 of map 62 located in the Baltimore County Tax Assessor's office.

## 11. Form Prepared by

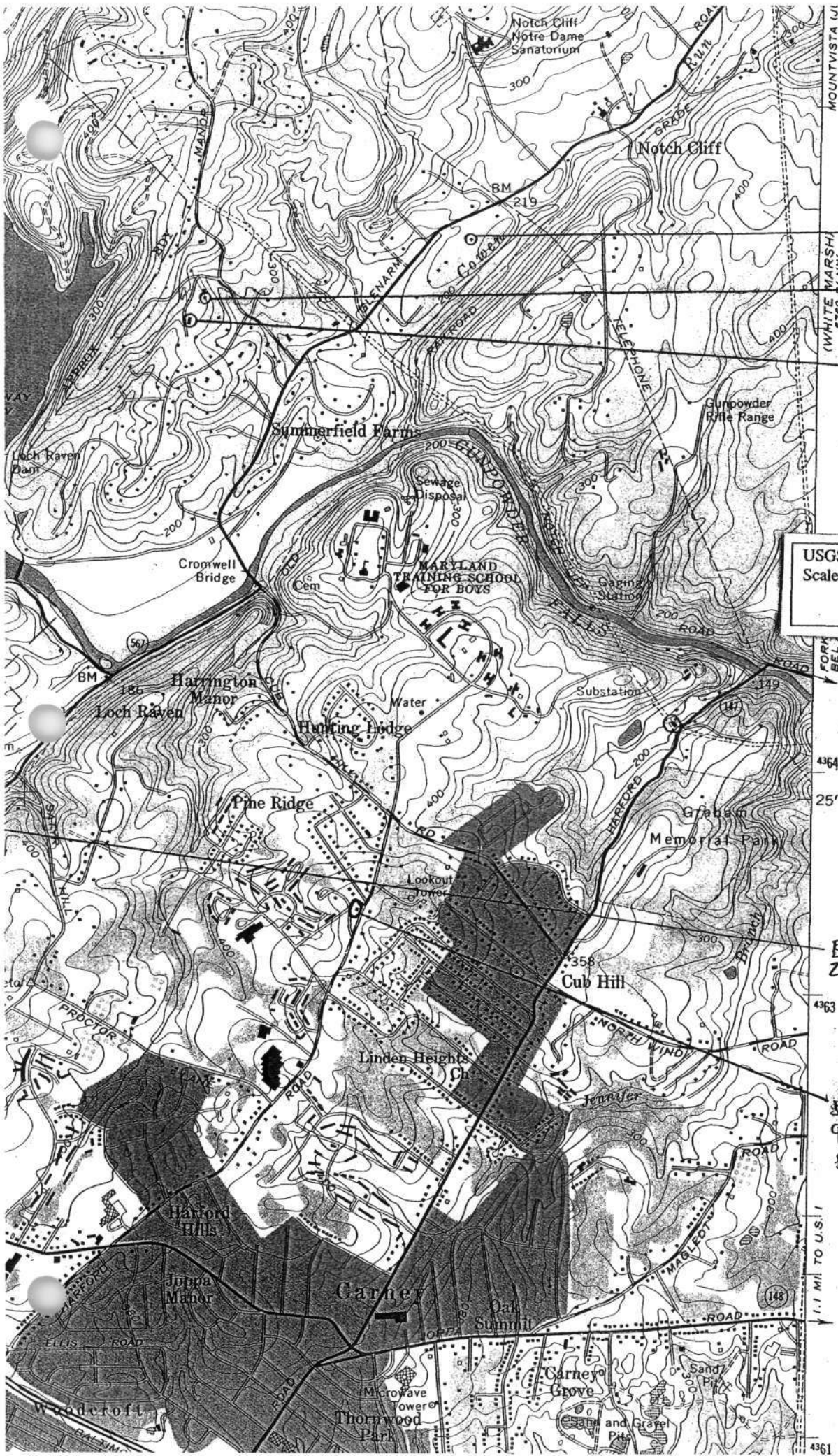
name/title	A. McDonald and A. Didden, Architectural Historians		
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city or town	Washington	state	DC

The Maryland Inventory of Historic Properties was officially created by an Act of the Maryland Legislature to be found in the Annotated Code of Maryland, Article 41, Section 181 KA, 1974 supplement.

The survey and inventory are being prepared for information and record purposes only and do not constitute any infringement of individual property rights.

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Crownsville, MD 21032-2023  
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11535 GLEN ARM ROAD  
GLEN ARM, BALTIMORE COUNTY
- BA-0286  
11420 MANOR ROAD  
GLEN ARM, BALTIMORE COUNTY
- BA-0137  
3 RUNNING FOX ROAD  
GLEN ARM  
BALTIMORE COUNTY

USGS Quad: TOWSON  
Scale: 1:24,000

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BA-2628  
2002 CROMWELL  
BRIDGE  
ROAD

BA-0282  
9322 OLD HARFORD ROAD  
BALTIMORE, BALTIMORE COUNTY





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11535 GLEN ARM ROAD WEST

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BALTIMORE COUNTY, MD

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NW CORNER



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GLEN ARM

BALTIMORE COUNTY, MD

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SE CORNER

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